

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Mankato Citizens
Telephone Company's** Request for Approval
of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the
Blue Earth County 911 Emergency
Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P414/ES-00-1206**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On May 27, 1986, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Blue Earth County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On March 22, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Mid-Communications Telephone Company for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone System in Blue Earth County.

On March 22, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Mankato Citizens Telephone Company for placing central office equipment for a portion of a 911 Emergency Services system in Blue Earth County.

On November 13, 1996, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Mankato Citizens Telephone Company for installing an additional 911 trunk line for a portion of a 911 Emergency Services system in Blue Earth County.

On August 4, 2000, the Commission approved the actual costs incurred by Hutchinson Telephone Company for installing tandem based 911 service with Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Automatic Location Identification (ALI) for a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Blue Earth County.

CURRENT FILING

On January 15, 1998, Mankato Citizens Telephone Company (the Company) placed 3 interexchange circuits between the Mankato and the Rochester Exchanges to upgrade the Mankato State Patrol Office with enhanced tandem based ANI service in the 911 Emergency

Telephone Services System in Blue Earth County.

On July 1, 1999, the Company installed 2 interexchange circuits between the Mankato and Owatonna Exchanges for tandem based ANI service.

On August 24, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of interexchange circuits for enhanced ANI service to the State Patrol and other portions of the 911 Emergency Services system in Blue Earth County .

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Mankato Citizens Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Blue Earth County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Blue Earth County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Blue Earth County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P414/ES-00-1206.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this ____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public